

**EPA Announces a 30 Day Comment Period
for Proposed Use of a Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell
New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site**

The USEPA proposes to modify the 1998 Record of Decision (ROD) for the upper and lower harbor operable unit #1 to include use of a confined aquatic disposal (CAD) cell in the lower harbor for disposal of approximately 300,000 cy of PCB-contaminated sediments above the 1998 ROD's action levels.

This proposed change is outlined in a draft Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) and its accompanying Administrative Record file which are available at the New Bedford Public Library, XXX William Street, New Bedford, MA, at the EPA Region 1 Records Center, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA [add phone numbers] and on the harbor cleanup website at www.epa.gov/ne/nbh.

EPA's evaluation of CAD cells, including both field monitoring and computer modeling, has concluded that CAD cell technology is a protective and safe approach for disposal of sediments in both the short and long term. Three CAD cells for disposal of navigational sediments have been used successfully to date in the same area as the proposed Superfund CAD cell. Recently finalized cost estimates indicate that both the time and cost to complete the upper and lower harbor cleanup can be reduced significantly through the use of CAD cell technology.

Comments on the draft ESD will be accepted from June 25 through July 24, 2010. Comments can be submitted either in writing or via email, as follows:

(add address for written comments)

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EPA will hold an informational public meeting on Thursday 6/24/10 at 7pm at the New Bedford Public Library, main branch, 2nd floor, to discuss the draft ESD and answer any questions the public may have.

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